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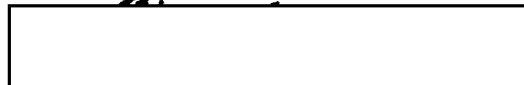


Dear Mr. Marcy:

This is in response to your letter, dated 12 October 1977, written on behalf of your client, Mr. Norman F. Dacey, Chairman, American Palestine Committee, wherein you referred to press reports regarding the recent releases of CIA documents relating to the 1967 Israeli attack on the USS LIBERTY. Your letter has been referred to this office for reply.

The Agency's position on this matter was set forth by the Director of Central Intelligence in a letter, dated 11 November 1977, written in response to the Honorable James Abourezk's letter of 18 October 1977. In that letter Senator Abourezk requested a clarification on the release of the same documents to which you refer. A copy of the Director's response is enclosed for your information.

As noted in the Director's letter, it is most regrettable if any embarrassment or inconvenience may have resulted from your client's publication of these documents. In our responses to your original Freedom of Information request, we set forth in considerable detail which of the located documents were being released in whole or in part, and which were being denied in their entirety. We also provided you with the appropriate Freedom of Information Act exemptions applied, and the explanations thereof. The Act neither authorizes nor provides for any further comment concerning the content and substantive interpretation of the documents concerned. We trust that the above information will allay any mistaken impressions that your client may have obtained since the time the documents were released to him.



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